

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the Office Action issued under *Ex Parte Quayle*, the Examiner objects to the disclosure and objects to claims 12-14, 20, 30 and 31 for informalities found in claims 12, 14, 20 and 31. The Examiner additionally notes that claims 24-27 are withdrawn from examination but are still pending in the application.

By the present Response, Applicant is amending the specification at paragraphs [004] and [044], amending claims 12, 14 and 31, and canceling claims 20, 24-27 and 30. The amendments conform in substance with the suggested corrections given by the Examiner and should put the application in immediate condition for allowance.

The Office Action fails to indicate whether the drawings filed on October 1, 2001, are accepted or objected to by the Examiner. The Examiner is requested to remedy the oversight regarding the drawings in the next Office Action.

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowability dated July 23, 2004. The Reasons for Allowance merely loosely paraphrase independent claims 1, 15, 16, and 21, and therefore do not accurately restate the claimed invention.

Finally, submitted herewith is a Request and Amendment to Correct Inventorship, with enclosures.

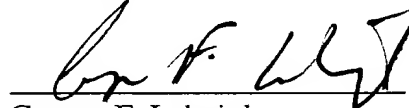
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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